

## Town of Scituate COVID19 Update

### June 8, 2020

1. Two additional Scituate cases since Thursday morning, one in each nursing home. These are all at addresses where we have had previous cases. We have 122 cases in the Town of Scituate by the Town's count, not including nursing home cases. People have asked about the difference between the Town's numbers on these updates and the number that the state is reporting. We have been consistently tracking the number of *Scituate cases* since the start of the pandemic. We have not added any of the nursing home cases to our count, having accounted for them separately. We want residents to be aware that because the Corona Virus is so new, there is so much about it we don't really know. We are not sure whether or not you can catch the virus twice or whether or not if you have antibodies you have immunity? People should be aware that just because we are opening up the economy we should still practice social distancing, Handwashing, and wearing a mask when social distancing can't be done.
2. Phase 2 of the State's re-opening is starting today, Monday, June 8. Restaurants will be allowed to open for outside seating only. Those restaurants who already have approved outdoor seating, Mill Wharf, TK's, Riva to name a few, can start immediately. The Selectmen will be considering other requests at our meeting tomorrow night. Included in that will be a request to close Front Street for certain periods on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
  - a. Retail stores will be able to re-open with strict safety and capacity limits;
  - b. Hotels, motels and inns;
  - c. Limited organized youth and adult amateur sports activities will be allowed to begin outside. No contact, no games, no scrimmages. Indoor sports facilities will be able to reopen for youth activities only. Again, there are strict guidelines for these activities which we will post on our web site.
  - d. Day camps and Recreation programs will be allowed to start under phase 2. We will be having a call with the recreation department following this video to review the safety guidelines and try and determine which activities we can offer in conformance with the guidance
  - e. Nail salons and I believe tattoo parlors
  - f. Funeral homes will be able to increase capacity to 40% for services.
  - g. Nursing homes will also visitors as part of phase 2 – outside.
  - h. And the Golf driving range will be able to open

All of these will be allowed with strict guidelines. We will post the Governor's order laying out what is opening as part of phase 2 this morning on our web site.

3. Starting this week, residents will be able to place holds through the library's catalog or by calling us on Scituate only items (until the state delivery system starts up again) and arrange for pick-up of those items. The days of service will be Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Returns will also be accepted on those days, as well as

when we are closed on the weekend (Saturday afternoon thru Monday morning). We are working on the guidance for reopening the library. Currently, there is a question as to how the library is categorized, office space or retail, as they are very different requirements.

4. We will be bringing the full staff back into the building starting this week. Following that we will open the Town Hall to visitors by appointment. The current guidance would categorize the Town Hall as office space and requires that we “limit visitors” on-site and “log everyone who comes in contact with the site to enable contact tracing, including temporary visitors.” As we get more guidance, we will react according.
5. Town election is June 13. Please try and use early voting. Applications available on line and on the front door of Town Hall.
6. We have rescheduled Town Meeting for outside at the football stadium on Saturday, June 27 in the morning. This will allow us to beat the heat of the day and avoid mosquitos at night. At this point, the plan would be to only consider those items of an immediate nature, with all other articles postponed to a later fall town meeting. We will be pushing out details on this as they come.
7. From our water department a reminder to please conserve water. Last year for the month of June we had 4 days where the Water Treatment Plant exceeded 1 million gallons a day. This year we in May we had 7 days in a row pumping more than 1 million gallons a day. A reminder, all outdoor watering must occur before 9 am or after 5 pm. Automatic irrigation systems can only be used one day per week according to your precinct. We are asking for residents cooperation before we start enforcement. Violations are subject to fines of up to \$100 per day.
8. If residents or businesses have questions about what can open and what cannot, you can visit the town’s website, [scituatema.gov](http://scituatema.gov), the state web site [mass.gov](http://mass.gov) or call the BOH at 781-545-8725.

Finally, wash your hands after any activity, after leaving your house, coming home, etc. Wash your hands, cover your mouth and stay safe.